

**REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PROGRAM  
BETWEEN THE JPO AND THE USPTO**

Application No.:	10/509,462-Conf. #2198	First Named Inventor:	Kenji Kondo
Filing Date:	September 28, 2004	Attorney Docket No.:	5077-000226/US/NP
Title of the Invention:	Image Processing Method, Image Processing Apparatus, Image Capturing Apparatus, Image Output Apparatus, And Iris Authentication Apparatus		

THIS REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PPH PROGRAM ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EFS-WEB.  
INFORMATION REGARDING EFS-WEB IS AVAILABLE AT [HTTP://WWW.USPTO.GOV/EBS/DFS\\_HELP.HTML](http://www.uspto.gov/ebs/efs_help.html).

**APPLICANT HEREBY REQUESTS PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PROGRAM  
AND PETITIONS TO MAKE THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION SPECIAL UNDER THE PPH PROGRAM.**

The above-identified application (1) validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more corresponding JPO application(s) or to a PCT application that does not contain any priority claim, or (2) is a national stage entry of a PCT application that does not contain any priority claim.

The JPO/PCT application number(s) is/are: PCT/JP2004/004804; JP 2003-098812

The filing date of the JPO/PCT application(s) is/are: 4/1/2004; 4/2/2003

U. S. Serial No. 10/509,462 is a 371 US National Phase application that corresponds to JP Serial No. 2004-553533, both of which are national phase applications based on PCT/JP2004/004804.

**I. List of Required Documents:**

- a. A copy of the latest JPO office actions (other than "Decision to Grant a Patent"\*) in the above-identified JPO application(s)

☐ Is attached No office action was issued in the corresponding JPO application.

☐ Is available via Dossier Access System. Applicant hereby requests that the USPTO obtain these documents via the Dossier Access System.

\*It is not necessary to submit a copy of the "Decision to Grant a Patent" and an English translation thereof.

- b. A copy of all claims which were determined to be patentable by the JPO in the above-identified JPO application(s).

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- c. English translations of the documents in a. and b. above along with a statement that the English translations are accurate are attached (if the documents are not in the English language).

- d. (1) An information disclosure statement listing the documents cited in the JPO office actions

☐ Is attached.

☒ Has already been filed in the above-identified U.S. application on 9/28/04; 5/31/05 and 6/21/05

(2) Copies of all documents (except for U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications)

☐ Are attached.

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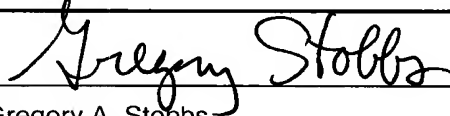
**II. Claims Correspondence Table:**

Claims in US Application	Patentable Claims in JPO Application	Explanation regarding the correspondence
Claim 2	Claim 1	US claim 2 (from amendment filed 6/12/2008) and JP claim 1 are identical;
Claim 3	Claim 2	US claim 3 (from amendment filed 6/12/2008) and JP claim 2 are identical;
Claim 4	Claim 3	US claim 4 (from amendment filed 6/12/2008) and JP claim 3 are identical;
Claims 5, 13, 16	Claim 4	US claims 5, 13, 16 (from amendment filed 6/12/2008) correspond to JP multiple dependent claim 4;
Claims 7, 14, 17	Claim 5	US claims 7, 14, 17 (from amendment filed 6/12/2008) correspond to JP multiple dependent claim 5;
Claims 8, 15, 18	Claim 6	US claims 8, 15, 18 (from amendment filed 6/12/2008) correspond to JP multiple dependent claim 6;
Claim 19	Claim 7	US claim 19 (from amendment filed 6/12/2008) and JP claim 7 are identical;
Claim 20	Claim 8	US claim 20 (from amendment filed 6/12/2008) and JP claim 8 are identical;
Claim 21	Claim 9	US claim 21 (from amendment filed 6/12/2008) and JP claim 9 are identical;
Claims 22, 24, 26	Claim 10	US claims 22, 24, 26 (from amendment filed 6/12/2008) correspond to JP multiple dependent claim 10;
Claims 23, 25, 27	Claim 11	US claims 23, 25, 27 (from amendment filed 6/12/2008) correspond to JP multiple dependent claim 11;

**III. All the claims in the US application sufficiently correspond to the patentable/allowable claims in the JPO application.**

**IV. Payment of Fees:**

The petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) as required by 37 CFR 1.102(d) must be paid via EFS-Web (using credit card, authorization to charge a deposit account, or electronic funds transfer).

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